SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I am on a point of order.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): What is your point of order.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I welcome the hon. Minister coming forward with a statement ... (*Interruptions*) ... Let me complete. Without my completing the sentence how can you react?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Start on the right foot rather than on the wrong foot.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I am not going away from the subject. I am on the subject. On the last Friday, a statement was made by the hon. Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Gujral on Pakistan. As far as the statement on Kuwait was concerned, it was laid on the Table of the House We were seeking clarifications on Pakistan on that day and we left it in the middle. Some Members sought clarifications and the other subject was not taken into consideration. I would like to know whether the statement on Pakistan will be taken up or not because it was left out in the middle.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Mr. Narayanasamy, I understood your point. Whatever statements Mr. Gujral made and clarifications due on those are still due.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, when it will be taken up?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): When he comes.

REPORTED DEATH OF MS. MAMTA BANERJEE

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश): माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, बड़े दुख के साथ मैं इस सदन को सूचना देना चाहता हूं कि हमारे दूसरे सदन की साथी श्रीमती ममता बैनर्जी का आज दिन में डेढ़ बजे कलकत्ता में निधन हो गया है । कलकत्ता से मेरे पास सूचना आई । दिन में डेढ़ बजे श्रीमती ममता बेनर्जी का निधन हो गया है । इसके लिए हम लोग शोक प्रकट करते हैं । वैस्ट बंगाल में सी.पी.एम. की जो सरकार है उसने पूरी तरह से उनको मारा है । वे हमारे दल की एक मुखर साथी थीं और उच्च कोटि की वक्ता थीं । उनपर इतना बूटल एटैक किया गया कि उनका निधन हो गया । इसके प्रति हम सदन में शोक प्रकट करना चाहते हैं । इस निकम्मी और कार्यकर्ताओं पर प्रहार करने वाली सरकार की हम निंदा करते हैं और इसकी भरपाई इस सरकार को चुकानी होगी । हमारे दल की एक मुखर सदस्या को इतनी बुरी तरह से मारा गया, जनतांत्रिक अधिकारों के तहत स्वाभाविक रूप से प्रदर्शन करते हुये उनकी मौत आज अस्पताल में हो गई है । उनका चित्र आज हमने सारे अखबारों में भी देखा है। हम इस सरकार की जितनी निंदा करें वह कम है । जिस प्रकार से उनके ऊपर अटैक किया गया यह बड़े दुख और कष्ट की बात है ।

डा० अबरार अहमद खान (राजस्थान): हम इसकी निंदा करते हैं। ..(**व्यवधान**)..

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): I understood the point. I think the point that Ratnakar Pandey ji is making, if it is true, it is serious and the House will take note of that. Wait a minute.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय: मेरे घर पर फोन आया था कि ममता बनर्जी का निधन डेढ़ बजे दिन में हो गया ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): The right process is that the Ministers are

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listening. We would expect that an immediate statement should come and then we will follow through. In the meantime, let Mr. Hari Kishore Singh make a statement.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Just a moment. Sir, I am on a point of order. Here, when Mr. Jaya Prakash Narayan was sick in the Jaslok Hospital, the news was brought by no less a person than Charan Singh. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Madhya Pradesh): Not Charan Singh. Why are you mentioning his name?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: No, he was not Prime Minister at that time. He was a Deputy Prime Minister and ultimately we trusted it. So, if a responsible hon. Member like Dr. Rotnakar Pandey says it, it is no pleasure for us to give any false information. We do think a congnisance should be taken of the brutal murder of a Congress (I) worker in West Bengal and particularly... (*Interruptions*). Mr. Dipen Ghosh, for heaven's sake (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): I appreciate your concern. That is why, I am asking the Vice-Chairman to get it ascertained.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: You get the information immediately. Sir, where is the Leader of the House? (*Interruptions*). He should come and make a statement.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): We have all heard everybody in the House. She was a Member of the other House in the previous term and we know the circumstances in which she was involved and we would certainly like to see that she is safe and alive. But if there is any such development which Mr. Pandey is stating, we would like the Minister to take us into confidence at the earliest. (*Interruptions*).

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): Sir, it is not a technical matter. We are equally concerned. At the moment, we have no information. We will ask the Home Ministry to get the information and ascertain it. (*Interrupions*).

डा० अबरार अहमद खान: उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, सबसे पहले इस बारे में जानकारी कर लेनी चाहिये, उसके बाद सदन की कार्यवाही आगे चले । ऐसी स्थिति में यह बिल्कुल संभव नहीं है कि सदन की कार्यवाही चले । ... (**व्यवधान**)

It is a matter of five minutes.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Where is the Leader of the House?

श्री सुरेश पचौरी (मध्य प्रदेश): मान्यवर, मेरा आपसे अनुरोध है कि सबसे पहले इसकी पुष्टि की जाये और उसके बाद अगली कार्यवाही प्रारंभ की जाये । यह अत्यन्त खेदजनक समाचार है।

डा० अबरार अहमद खान: इस समाचार के बाद सदस्य स्पष्टीकरण पूछने की स्थिति में नहीं हैं । हमारे सांसद की मर्डर कर दिया गया है। पहले इस बारे में सदन को जानकारी दी जानी चाहिये, उसके बाद ही सदन की कार्यवाही चले । यह जो जानकारी है, इतना क्रूर मर्डर किया गया है इसके कारण सदस्य स्पष्टीकरण पूछने की स्थिति में नहीं है । इसलिये सदन को बताया जाना चाहिये कि क्या हुआ है और सदन की कार्यवाही नहीं चलनी चाहिये । सरकार इस बारे में सदन को जानकारी दे । ... (**व्यवधान**) ...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): I think the matter ends at this stage on a point that as soon as the Government knows and they are ascertaining the facts, the House will be taken into confidence. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA (Assam): The incident is an old incident. Sir, ... (*Interruptions*)... she

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died at 1.30 p.m. and it is now 5.15 p.m. It takes only five minutes... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): The Government is running very fast! (*Interruptions*).

डा० अबरार अहमद खान : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, ऐसी दुखद घटना की बात सुनने के बाद, ऐसे क्रूर मर्डर की बात सुनने के बाद सदस्य इस मानसिक स्थिति में नहीं हैं कि वह मंत्री महोदय का स्टेटमेंट सुन सकें और उस पर अपने स्पष्टीकरण पूछ सकें । जब ऐसे क्रूर मर्डर की बात सुनी है तो जब तक उसकी पूरी जानकारी सामने न आये, मैं यह मान कर चलता हूं कि मेरे जैसा सदस्य तो इस मानसिक स्थिति में नहीं है कि वह स्टेटमेंट सुन सके और स्पष्टीकरण पूछे । मै आपके माध्यम से आग्रह करना चाहता हूं कि पांच मिनट से ज्यादा का मैटर नहीं है, कलकत्ता कोई दूर नहीं है, संचार व्यवस्था भी बिगड़ी हुई नहीं है, तत्काल पता किया जाय कि क्या हुआ, उसके बाद यह सदन की कार्यवाही चलाई जाय **(व्यवधान)**

उपसभाध्यक्ष (प्रो० चन्द्रेश पी० ठाकुर) आप सब यह चाहते हैं कि इन-फारमेशन मिले । इस में हाऊस के जितने सदस्य हैं, सब आपके साथ हैं और यह जानना चाहते हैं कि इस घटना की क्या स्थिति है और इस संबंध में सरकार विश्वस्त सूत्रों से जानकारी प्राप्त कर के दे । यदि आप चाहें तो उसके संबंध में क्लेरीफिकेशंस पूछ सकते हैं लेकिन सदन की कार्यवाही रोकने का कोई मतलब नहीं है । कुवैत में भी ऐसी स्थिति है हम सब चिन्तित हैं **(व्यवधान)**

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, may I just make one submision. The Members here are agitated whether the news is true. May we request you to adjourn the House because it pertains to an ex-Member of Parliament and a lady? We would request you to kindly consider whether the House could be adjourned. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): It is not a question of adjourning the House for five minutes or ten minutes. It is a question of our anxiety to get the information. We should do whatever facilitates that. And for that, adjourning is not the solution. The solution is that the Government machinery should get expedited and get back to us as soon as possible and I take it that one of the three Ministers who are sitting here will take steps.

SHRI M.M. JACOB (Kerala): At least one Minister must go out and find out.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: There is no movement. (*Interruptions*). Only our hon. friend Mr. Dipen Ghosh is moving. I appreciate him. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): There is movement. They are collecting information. (*Interruptions*). Mr. Dipen is not a Minister. He cannot speak for the Ministry. His information is as good as that of Mr. Pandey.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: It is being ascertained. As soon as information comes, it will be let known. (*Interruptions*).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir,.... (*Interruptions*).

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : आप हाऊस को एडजर्न कीजिये **(व्यवधान)** ।

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, जब तक सही सूचना सदन में सरकार की ओर से नहीं आती है तब तक कार्यवाही स्थगित कर दी जाय **(व्यवधान)** मान्यवर, उस पक्ष के सदस्य

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भी तैयार हाते कि सदन की कार्यवाही स्थगित की जाय । जहां आप हमारी भावनायें (व्यवधान)

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: This is a very pathetic information for us. We are not ready...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Let the statement come from the Minister. Let it be clarified. We feel hat in the circumstances the House can be adjourned.

डा० अबरार अहमद खान : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, या तो गवर्नमेंट इस को कंट्रेडिक्ट करे कि यह सूचना गलत है, सूचना ठीक नहीं है । जब तक सही स्थिति की जानकारी नहीं दी जाती है तब तक सदन के सदस्य इस मानसिक स्थिति में नहीं हैं कि मंत्री जी के वक्तव्य को सुन सकें और स्पष्टीकरण पूछ सकें। आप तब तक हाऊस एडजर्न कर दीजिये।

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: It is a very serious incident. So the mere saying that it is being ascertained is not enough. We want a positive information whether Mamta Banerjee ... (*Interruptions*)... she is no more or whether she is there.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, जरा आप गवर्नमेंट को डायरेक्ट करें और गृह मंत्री जी कलकत्ता से पता लगायें । हमारे मार्क्सवादी बंधु भी हैं वह अपने गुड आफिसेज को यूज करके ज्योति बसु से पूछें कि क्या घटना घटी है और क्या सच्चाई है । ममता बनर्जी के ऊपर जो नृशंस अत्याचार किया गया है, लाठी चार्ज किया गया है, उसको हेड इंज्योरी है, हाथ-पैर तोड़ डाले गये हैं और पी० जी०आई० के एस०एस०के०एम० अस्पताल में एडमिटेड थीं । और उसके बावजूद अभी तक कोई यहां पर स्टेटमेंट नहीं दिया गया है, कोई बात अभी तक नहीं आयी है और जो इंफारमेशन इनको मिली है (व्यवधान)

उपसभाध्यक्ष प्रो० चन्द्रेश पी० ठाकुर) : सरकार प्रयत्नशील हैं।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, we have raied the issue in the morning about Calcutta. We want the details about it. ... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAPIL VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): It is better to adjourn the House for a few minutes...

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): It is a serious matfer, Vermaji. Mr. Vice Chairman, let us know the facts. We are interested to know the facts. That's all.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): The hon. Minister has said earlier, he came and told me, that they were still trying to ascertain the facts and that they were trying to get the Home Minister to come and take the House into confidence. That is the position as of now.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : मेरी रिक्वेस्ट है कि 5-10 मिनट के लिये हाऊस को एडजर्न करें (व्यवधान) सब अपने अपने कण्टेक्ट से पता लगायेंगे ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Adjournment is not a solution. It is not the way of getting information.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : डेढ़ बजे की घटना है क्या सरकार सोई है ?

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: That is not the solution. I know, that is not the solution. What is the solution?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): They are trying to collect information.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: We are not in a mood to listen.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: We are really very upset. This is a serious matter. We are very, very upset.

डा० अबरार अहमद खान : या तो सरकार इसको कंट्राडिक्ट करे ।

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, why don't you direct the Leader of the House to get the information? Where is the Leader of the House?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): A Cabinet Minister is sitting here. There are two other Ministers. They are listening to what is happening.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala): That information is not sufficient. We have no information. Now we are not able to discuss this. But what I suggest is, let the House be adjourned and we can meet again.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (Gujarat): Sir, it is a very serious matter and if we can have a little more information on the telephone call Dr. Ratnakar Pandey is talking about, it will throw a little more light on the situation. If he can mention a few more details from where the call came...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): No individual Member of the House can substitute for a member of the Government to take the House into confidence. Any other information is informal information and the Government is trying to collect information and I only hope and wish that it will be a little faster in its efforts so far as the results are concerned.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: We hope so.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): I suggest in the meantime, let this statement be made and we can seek clarications later.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, we are not in a position to discuss anything in the absence of that information.

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Ten minutes have elapsed. Where is the information?

STATEMENT RE. POSITION OF INDIANS IN KUWAIT

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay a statement on the Table of the House on the position of Indians in Kuwait.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): The Minister has laid the statement on the Table of the House. Clarifications will follow.

The House now stands adjourned till 11 a.m. on Monday, the 20th August, 1990.

The House then adjourned at twenty-six minutes past five of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 20th August, 1990.